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In re Application of

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For: FREE FLOWING DRY BACK-UP INSULATING MATERIAL

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of August 2, 2005, and prior to further examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows: